

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

► The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

Open to Public Inspection

For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2009, and ending

B Check if applicable:		C Please use IRS label or print or type. See specific Instructions.		D Employer Identification Number 04-3585301	
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change	<input type="checkbox"/> Name change	CREATIVE COMMONS CORPORATION 171 SECOND STREET #300 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105		E Telephone number (415) 369-8480	
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return	<input type="checkbox"/> Termination			F Gross receipts \$ 2,490,646.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return	<input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	F Name and address of principal officer: SAME AS C ABOVE		H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
I Tax-exempt status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) (3) (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527				H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If 'No,' attach a list. (see instructions)	
J Website: ► WWW.CREATIVECOMMONS.ORG				H(c) Group exemption number ►	
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ►		L Year of Formation: 2002		M State of legal domicile: MA	

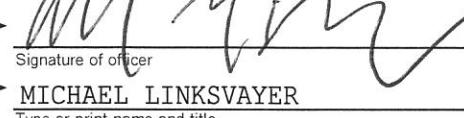
Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE IRC, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DESIGNING METHODS AND TECHNOLOGIES THAT FACILITATE SHARING OF SCIENTIFIC, CREATIVE, AND OTHER INTELLECTUAL WORKS WITH THE GENERAL PUBLIC</u>			
	2 Check this box ► <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its assets.	3	12	
3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a).....	4	12		
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b).....	5	31		
5 Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a).....	6	23		
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary).....	7a	0.		
7a Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12.....	7b	0.		
8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h).....	Prior Year		Current Year	
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g).....	10,468,988.		2,449,546.	
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d).....	14,806.		763.	
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e).....	34,831.		40,337.	
12 Total revenue – add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12).....	10,518,625.		2,490,646.	
13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3).....				
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4).....				
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10).....	2,185,394.		2,160,788.	
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e).....				
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ► 326,284.				
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f).....	1,338,874.		1,240,021.	
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25).....	3,524,268.		3,400,809.	
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12.....	6,994,357.		-910,163.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16).....	Beginning of Year		End of Year
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26).....	8,727,747.		7,862,079.
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20.....	130,499.		170,264.
		8,597,248.		7,691,815.

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here

► 
Signature of officer
► MICHAEL LINKSVAYER

May 7, 2010
Date

VICE PRESIDENT

Type or print name and title.

Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature ► BRUCE J. WRIGHT	Date	Check if self-employed ► <input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's identifying number (see instructions) N/A
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ► GOOD & FOWLER, LLP ► 262 GRAND AVENUE ► SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080	EIN ► N/A		
		Phone no. ► (650) 872-7600		

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) Yes No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

SEE SCHEDULE O

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? Yes No
If 'Yes,' describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? Yes No
If 'Yes,' describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code: _____) (Expenses \$ 2,552,537.) including grants of \$ _____) (Revenue \$ _____)

SEE SCHEDULE O

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)

4e Total program service expenses ► 2,552,537.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule A	1 X	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	2 X	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part I	3 X	
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II	4 X	
5 Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations. Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part III	5	
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part I	6 X	
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part II	7 X	
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part III	8 X	
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part IV	9 X	
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part V	10 X	
11 Is the organization's answer to any of the following questions 'Yes'? If so, complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable	11 X	
● Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings and equipment in Part X, line 10? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part VI		
● Did the organization report an amount for investments— other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part VII		
● Did the organization report an amount for investments— program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part VIII		
● Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part IX		
● Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part X		
● Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part X		
12 Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statement for the tax year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII	12 X	
12A Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statement for the tax year? If 'Yes,' completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional	12 A X	
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E	13 X	
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a X	
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Part I	14b X	
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Part II	15 X	
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Part III	16 X	
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part I	17 X	
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part II	18 X	
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part III	19 X	
20 Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule H	20 X	

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

		Yes	No
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule I, Parts I and II.	21	X
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule I, Parts I and III.	22	X
23	Did the organization answer 'Yes' to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J.	23	X
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, and that was issued after December 31, 2002? If 'Yes,' answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If 'No,' go to line 25.	24a	X
24b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b	
24c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c	
24d	Did the organization act as an 'on behalf of' issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d	
25a	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I.	25a	X
25b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I.	25b	X
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II.	26	X
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part III.	27	X
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
28a	a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV.	28a	X
28b	b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV.	28b	X
28c	c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee of the organization (or a family member) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV.	28c	X
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule M.	29	X
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule M.	30	X
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule N, Part I.	31	X
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule N, Part II.	32	X
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part I.	33	X
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1.	34	X
35	Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2.	35	X
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2.	36	X
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part VI.	37	X
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	38	X

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

		Yes	No
1a Enter the number reported in Box 3 of form 1096, Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns. Enter -0- if not applicable	1a	42	
b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0	
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?.....	1c	X	
2a Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a	31	
2b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?.....	2b	X	
Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to <i>e-file</i> this return. (see instructions)			
3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?.....	3a	X	
b If 'Yes' has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? <i>If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O.</i>	3b		
4a At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?.....	4a	X	
b If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country: ► <u>GERMANY</u> See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.			
5a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?.....	5a	X	
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?.....	5b	X	
c If 'Yes,' to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?.....	5c		
6a Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?.....	6a	X	
b If 'Yes,' did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not deductible?.....	6b		
7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).			
a Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?.....	7a	X	
b If 'Yes,' did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?.....	7b		
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?.....	7c	X	
d If 'Yes,' indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.....	7d		
e Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?.....	7e	X	
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?.....	7f	X	
g For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?.....	7g		
h For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?.....	7h		
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?.....	8		
9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.			
a Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?.....	9a		
b Did the organization make any distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?.....	9b		
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:			
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.....	10a		
b Gross Receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.....	10b		
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:			
a Gross income from other members or shareholders.....	11a		
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.).....	11b		
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?.....	12a		
b If 'Yes,' enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.....	12b		

Part VI

Governance, Management and Disclosure For each 'Yes' response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a 'No' response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	12		
1b	12		
2		X	
3		X	
4		X	
5		X	
6		X	
7a		X	
7b		X	
8a		X	
8b		X	
9		X	

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

	Yes	No
10a	X	
10b		
11	X	
11A		
12a	X	
12b	X	
12c	X	
13	X	
14	X	
15		
15a	X	
15b	X	
16a		X
16b		

Section C. Disclosures

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► CA MA

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply.

Own website Another's website Upon request

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public. SEE SCHEDULE O

20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization:
► TED ROSE 171 SECOND STREET, SUITE 300 SAN FRANCISCO CA 94105 (415) 369-8480

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors
Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year. Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees. See instructions for definition of 'key employees.'
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

Check this box if the organization did not compensate any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)				(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations	
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated	Former		
LAWRENCE LESSIG DIRECTOR	2	X						0.	0.
GLENN O. BROWN DIRECTOR	2	X						0.	0.
MICHAEL CARROLL DIRECTOR	2	X						0.	0.
ERIC SALTZMAN DIRECTOR	2	X						0.	0.
CATERINA FAKE DIRECTOR	2	X						0.	0.
HAL ABELSON DIRECTOR	2	X						0.	0.
MOLLY SHAFFER VAN HOUWELIN DIRECTOR	2	X						0.	0.
ESTHER WOJCICKI CHAIR	5	X						0.	0.
JOICHI ITO DIRECTOR & CEO	20	X	X					0.	0.
DAVIS GUGGENHEIM DIRECTOR	2	X						0.	0.
JIMMY WALES DIRECTOR	2	X						0.	0.
LAURIE RACINE DIRECTOR	2	X						0.	0.
DIANE CABELL SECRETARY	2		X					0.	0.
KEVIN BIRTCHELL CFO/TREASURER	17		X					69,075.	0.
JENNIFER YIP ASST TREASURER	40		X					73,002.	0.
MICHAEL LINKSVAYER VICE PRESIDENT	40		X					96,800.	0.
JOHN WILBANKS VICE PRESIDENT	40		X					94,077.	0.
									13,184.

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (cont.)

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(c)			(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Former highest compensated employee	
DIANE PETERS GENERAL COUNSEL	40		X			147,344.	0. 20,981.
NATHAN YERGLER CTO	40		X			95,040.	0. 8,563.
JONATHAN REES PRIN. SCIENTIST	40			X		127,723.	0. 6,377.
ALAN RUTTENBERG PRIN. SCIENTIST	40			X		123,414.	0. 20,171.

1 b Total..... ►						826,475.	0. 85,381.

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization ► 3

	Yes	No
3		X
4	X	
5		X

3 Did the organization list any **former** officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J for such individual.....

3		X
4	X	

4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If 'Yes' complete Schedule J for such individual.....

4	X	
5		X

5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization for services rendered to the organization? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J for such person.....

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of Services	(C) Compensation
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2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization ► 0		

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514
CONTRIBUTIONS, GIFTS, GRANTS AND OTHER SIMILAR AMOUNTS					
1a	Federated campaigns	1a			
1b	Membership dues	1b			
1c	Fundraising events	1c			
1d	Related organizations	1d			
1e	Government grants (contributions)	1e			
1f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	2,449,546.			
g	Noncash contribns included in lns 1a-1f: \$				
h Total.	Add lines 1a-1f	► 2,449,546.			
PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE		Business Code			
2a				
b				
c				
d				
e				
f	All other program service revenue				
g Total.	Add lines 2a-2f	►			
OTHER REVENUE					
3	Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)	► 763.			763.
4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds	►			
5	Royalties	►			
6a	Gross Rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal		
b	Less: rental expenses				
c	Rental income or (loss)				
d	Net rental income or (loss)	►			
7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other		
b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses				
c	Gain or (loss)				
d	Net gain or (loss)	►			
8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including. \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a			
b	Less: direct expenses	b			
c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events	►			
9a	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a			
b	Less: direct expenses	b			
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities	►			
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a			
b	Less: cost of goods sold	b			
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory	►			
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code			
11a	<u>OTHER INCOME</u>		39,661.		39,661.
b	<u>EURO TO DOLLARS</u>		676.		676.
c				
d	All other revenue				
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d	► 40,337.			
12 Total revenue.	See instructions	► 2,490,646.	0.	0.	41,100.

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.

All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21.....				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22.....				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.....				
4 Benefits paid to or for members.....				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees.....	634,171.	408,166.	160,555.	65,450.
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B).....	0.	0.	0.	0.
7 Other salaries and wages.....	1,278,714.	1,062,518.	40,702.	175,494.
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions).....	79,581.	62,073.	7,958.	9,550.
9 Other employee benefits.....	29,486.	25,283.	345.	3,858.
10 Payroll taxes.....	138,836.	107,642.	14,091.	17,103.
11 Fees for services (non-employees).....				
a Management.....				
b Legal.....	4,160.	4,160.		
c Accounting.....	16,000.		16,000.	
d Lobbying.....				
e Prof fundraising svcs. See Part IV, In 17.....				
f Investment management fees.....				
g Other.....	563,931.	381,653.	179,632.	2,646.
12 Advertising and promotion.....	13,057.		66.	12,991.
13 Office expenses.....	90,110.	72,751.	10,307.	7,052.
14 Information technology.....	14,247.	14,165.	37.	45.
15 Royalties.....				
16 Occupancy.....	113,820.	92,118.	9,803.	11,899.
17 Travel.....	324,959.	292,615.	16,172.	16,172.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials.....				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings.....	5,997.	2,048.		3,949.
20 Interest.....				
21 Payments to affiliates.....				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.....	25,417.		25,417.	
23 Insurance.....	34,201.	108.	34,093.	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below.).....				
a LICENSES AND FEES.....	17,685.	15,800.	1,885.	
b BOARD CULTIVATION AND MEETINGS.....	11,643.	11,437.	206.	
c MEMBERSHIP AND DUES.....	2,505.		2,505.	
d TRAINING.....	1,574.		1,574.	
e RECRUITING.....	640.		640.	
f All other expenses.....	75.			75.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f.....	3,400,809.	2,552,537.	521,988.	326,284.
26 Joint costs. Check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.....				

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Part X Balance Sheet

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
ASSETS	1 Cash – non-interest-bearing.....		1	2,139,975.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments.....	1,423,332.	2	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net.....	7,223,080.	3	5,664,429.
	4 Accounts receivable, net.....		4	
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L.....		5	
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L.....		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net.....		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use.....		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges.....	26,303.	9	32,677.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	131,920.		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation.....	36,305.	10c	17,893.
	11 Investments – publicly-traded securities.....	11,622.	11	
	12 Investments – other securities. See Part IV, line 11.....		12	
	13 Investments – program-related. See Part IV, line 11.....		13	
	14 Intangible assets.....		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11.....	7,105.	15	7,105.
	16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34).....	8,727,747.	16	7,862,079.
LIABILITIES	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses.....	130,499.	17	170,264.
	18 Grants payable.....		18	
	19 Deferred revenue.....		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities.....		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D.....		21	
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L.....		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties.....		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties.....		24	
	25 Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D.....		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25.....	130,499.	26	170,264.
	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29 and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets.....	120,287.	27	1,134,926.
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets.....	8,476,961.	28	6,556,889.
	29 Permanently restricted net assets.....		29	
NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCE	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds.....		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund.....		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds.....		32	
	33 Total net assets or fund balances.....	8,597,248.	33	7,691,815.
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances.	8,727,747.	34	7,862,079.

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Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked 'Other,' explain in Schedule O.		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?	2a	X
2b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	2b	X
2c If 'Yes' to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?	2c	X
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.		
2d If 'Yes' to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a consolidated basis, separate basis, or both:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?	3a	X
3b If 'Yes,' did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.	3b	X

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SCHEDULE A

(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

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Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

CREATIVE COMMONS CORPORATION

Employer identification number
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Part I **Reason for Public Charity Status** (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

1 A church, convention of churches or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E.)
3 A hospital or cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state:
5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
9 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33-1/3 % of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions – subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33-1/3 % of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
a Type I b Type II c Type III – Functionally integrated d Type III – Other
e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**.
f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box
g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons? _____

	Yes	No
(i) a person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?.....	11g (i)	
(ii) a family member of a person described in (i) above?.....	11g (ii)	
(iii) a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?.....	11g (iii)	

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Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions and membership fees received. (Do not include 'unusual grants.')	1,754,471.	2,856,215.	3,545,487.	10963657.	2,449,546.	21,569,376.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf.....						0.
3 The value of services or facilities furnished to the organization by a governmental unit without charge. Do not include the value of services or facilities generally furnished to the public without charge.....						0.
4 Total. Add lines 1-through 3....	1,754,471.	2,856,215.	3,545,487.	10963657.	2,449,546.	21,569,376.
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						10,931,576.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.....						10,637,800.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	1,754,471.	2,856,215.	3,545,487.	10963657.	2,449,546.	21,569,376.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						49,627.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on.....	14,530.	6,960.	12,568.	14,806.	763.	0.
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.) SEE PART IV....				14,713.	34,830.	40,337.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						21,708,883.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions).....					12	0.

13 **First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here. ►

14 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)	14	49.0 %
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14.....	15	39.9 %

16a **33-1/3 support test – 2009.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and the line 14 is 33-1/3 % or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. ► b **33-1/3 support test – 2008.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, or 16a, and line 15 is 33-1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. ► 17a **10%-facts-and-circumstances test – 2009** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. ► b **10%-facts-and-circumstances test – 2008.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. ► 18 **Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions. ►

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal yr beginning in) ►	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions and membership fees received. (Do not include 'unusual grants.')						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in a activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose.....						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf.....						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, 3 received from disqualified persons.....						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b.....						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6).....						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal yr beginning in) ►	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support. (add Ins 9, 10c, 11, and 12)						
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						► <input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)).....	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15.....	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)).....	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%
19a 33-1/3 support tests – 2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33-1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33-1/3%, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.....		► <input type="checkbox"/>
b 33-1/3 support tests – 2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or 19a, and line 16 is more than 33-1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33-1/3%, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.....		► <input type="checkbox"/>
20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions		► <input type="checkbox"/>

Part IV

Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. See instructions.

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PART II, LINE 10 - OTHER INCOME

<u>NATURE AND SOURCE</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
EURO TO DOLLARS GAIN (LOSS)	676.	-15,748.	14,713.		
TOTAL	<u>\$ 676.</u>	<u>\$ -15,748.</u>	<u>\$ 14,713.</u>	<u>\$ 0.</u>	<u>\$ 0.</u>

Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

A Check ► if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group.

B Check ► if the filing organization checked box A and 'limited control' provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures – (The term 'expenditures' means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying).....		11.	
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying).....			
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b).....		11.	0.
d Other exempt purpose expenditures		3,542,875.	
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)		3,542,886.	0.
f Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.		327,144.	
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:		
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.		
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.		
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.		
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.		
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.		
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f).....		81,786.	0.
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0.....		0.	0.
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0.....		0.	0.
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?.....			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)
(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) Total
2a Lobbying non-taxable amount				327,144.	327,144.
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e)).....					490,716.
c Total lobbying expenditures				11.	11.
d Grassroots nontaxable amount				81,786.	81,786.
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e)).....					122,679.
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures				11.	11.

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Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2009

Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

	(a)		(b)	
	Yes	No	Amount	
1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:				
a Volunteers?				
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?				
c Media advertisements?				
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?				
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?				
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?				
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?				
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?				
i Other activities? If 'Yes,' describe in Part IV.				
j Total. Add lines 1c through 1i.				
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?				
b If 'Yes,' enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912.				
c If 'Yes,' enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912.				
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?				

Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?.....	Yes	No
	1	
	2	
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?.....		
3 Did the organization agree to carryover lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?.....		

Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) if BOTH Part III-A, questions 1 and 2 are answered 'No' OR if Part III-A, line 3 is answered 'Yes.'

1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members.....	1	
2 Section 162(e) non-deductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a Current year.....	2a	
b Carryover from last year.....	2b	
c Total.....	2c	
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues.....	3	
4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?.....	4	
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions).....	5	

Part IV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; and Part II-B, line 1i. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Part IV Supplemental Information (continued)

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

OMB No. 1545-0047

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► Complete if the organization answered 'Yes,' to Form 990,
Part IV, lines 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.
► Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions

Name of the organization

CREATIVE COMMONS CORPORATION

Employer Identification number

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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		

5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? Yes No

6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?? Yes No

Part II Conservation Easements Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).

Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or pleasure) Preservation of an historically important land area
 Protection of natural habitat Preservation of certified historic structure
 Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

	Held at the End of the Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06	2d

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ► _____

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ► _____

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easement it holds? Yes No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► _____

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► \$ _____

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? Yes No

9 In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:

(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$ _____

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$ _____

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items:

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$ _____

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$ _____

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

3 Using the organization's acquisition accession and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):

a Public exhibition
 b Scholarly research
 c Preservation for future generations

d Loan or exchange programs
 e Other _____

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV.

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements Complete if organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian, or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No

b If 'Yes,' explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table:

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? Yes No

b If 'Yes,' explain the arrangement in Part XIV.

Part V Endowment Funds Complete if organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance.....					
b Contributions.....					
c Net Investment earnings, gains, and losses.....					
d Grants or scholarships.....					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs.....					
f Administrative expenses.....					
g End of year balance.....					

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as:

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ► _____ %

b Permanent endowment ► _____ %

c Term endowment ► _____ %

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
3b		

b If 'Yes' to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?.....

4 Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Investments—Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated Depreciation	(d) Book Value
1a Land.....				
b Buildings.....				
c Leasehold improvements.....				
d Equipment.....		97,660.	82,841.	14,819.
e Other.....		34,260.	31,186.	3,074.
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).).....				17,893.

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Part VII Investments—Other Securities See Form 990, Part X, line 12. N/A

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Financial derivatives		
Closely-held equity interests		
Other _____		

Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990 Part X, col. (B) line 12.) ►		

Part VIII Investments—Program Related (See Form 990, Part X, line 13) **N/A**

Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, Col. (B) line 13.)

Part IX Other Assets (See Form 990, Part X, line 15) N/A

(a) Description	(b) Book value
	</td

Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B), line 15).

Part X Other Liabilities (See Form 990, Part X, line 25)

Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25) ►

2. FIN 48 Footnote. In Part XIV, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48.

Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements

1 Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12).....	2,490,646.
2 Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25).....	3,400,809.
3 Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 2 from line 1.....	-910,163.
4 Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments.....	4,730.
5 Donated services and use of facilities.....	
6 Investment expenses.....	
7 Prior period adjustments.....	
8 Other (Describe in Part XIV).....	
9 Total adjustments (net). Add lines 4 through 8.....	4,730.
10 Excess or (deficit) for the year per audited financial statements. Combine lines 3 and 9.....	-905,433.

Part XII Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

1	2,737,586.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:
2a	4,730.
2b	242,210.
2c	
2d	
2e	246,940.
3	2,490,646.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:
4a	
4b	
4c	
5	2,490,646.

Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	3,643,019.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	242,210.
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	242,210.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	3,400,809.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1 :		
a	Investments expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18).	5	3,400,809.

Part XIV | Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, line 8; Part XII, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Part XIV **Supplemental Information (continued)**

Statement of Activities Outside the United States

- Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.
 - Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions.

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Part I General Information on Activities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.

1 **For grantmakers.** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?.. Yes No

2 **For grantmakers.** Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds outside the United States.

3 Activities per Region. (Use Schedule E-1 (Form 200) if additional space is needed.)

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Schedule F (Form 990) (2009)

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 15, for any recipient who received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000. Use Schedule F-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed.

2 Enter total number of recipient organizations listed above that are recognized as charities by the foreign country, recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS, or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter ► **0**

3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities ► **0**

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Schedule F (Form 990) 2009

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 16. Use Schedule F-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed.

Part IV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, and any additional information.

Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.

- First-class or charter travel
- Travel for companions
- Tax indemnification and gross-up payments
- Discretionary spending account

- Housing allowance or residence for personal use
- Payments for business use of personal residence
- Health or social club dues or initiation fees
- Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)

Yes

No

b If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If 'No,' complete Part III to explain.....

2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all officers, directors, trustees, and the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?.....

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization uses to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply.

- Compensation committee
- Independent compensation consultant
- Form 990 of other organizations

- Written employment contract
- Compensation survey or study
- Approval by the board or compensation committee

1b

2

4 During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:

- a** Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?
- b** Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?
- c** Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?

If 'Yes' to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

4a

X

4b

X

4c

X

Only section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete lines 5-9.

5 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:

- a** The organization?
- b** Any related organization?

If 'Yes' to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

5a

X

5b

X

6 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:

- a** The organization?
- b** Any related organization?

If 'Yes' to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

6a

X

6b

X

7 For person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If 'Yes,' describe in Part III.....

7

X

8 Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regs. section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If 'Yes,' describe in Part III.....

8

X

If 'Yes' to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?.....

9

X

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use Schedule J-1 if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported in Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations described in the instructions on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) must equal the applicable column (D) or column (E) amounts on Form 990, Part VII, line 1a.

Part III Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8. Also complete this part for any additional information.

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Information to Form 990**

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04-3585301**FORM 990, PART III, LINE 1 - ORGANIZATION MISSION**

CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE
IRC, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DESIGNING METHODS AND TECHNOLOGIES THAT
FACILITATE SHARING OF SCIENTIFIC, CREATIVE, AND OTHER INTELLECTUAL WORKS WITH THE
GENERAL PUBLIC.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A - PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

STATEMENT OF PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2009

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CC INTERNATIONAL

CREATIVE COMMONS INTERNATIONAL REPORTS THAT SIX NEW LICENSE SUITES LAUNCHED SINCE JAN 2009 (CZECH REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, CROATIA, POLAND, BRAZIL, AND JORDAN). IT HAS DEVELOPED A COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR PROJECT EXPANSION IN AFRICA, CULTIVATED KEY MEDIA PARTNERSHIPS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND PARTICIPATED IN A THEMATIC NETWORK ON THE PUBLIC DOMAIN IN EUROPE.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 11 - FORM 990 REVIEW PROCESS

A DRAFT OF FORM 990 IS PRESENTED TO AND APPROVED BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE AS THE DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. AFTER APPROVAL, A COPY OF FORM 990 IS GIVEN TO THE GOVERNING BOARD.

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FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 12C - EXPLANATION OF MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT OF CONFLICTS

BASED ON THE ANNUAL CONFLICT DISCLOSURE SURVEY, A LIST OF THE ENTITIES IN WHICH THE BOARD AND STAFF HAVE A FINANCIAL INTEREST IS POSTED ON TEAMSPACE WHERE IT CAN BE CHECKED BY COUNSEL AGAINST ANY NEW CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS FOR POSSIBLE CONFLICTS. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL CONFLICTS QUESTIONNAIRE AND TO REVIEW ANY ALLEGED/SUSPECTED CONFLICTS. COUNSEL ARE ALSO ALWAYS REVIEWING POTENTIAL CONFLICTS AS WELL.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 15B - COMPENSATION REVIEW & APPROVAL PROCESS FOR OFFICERS & KEY EMPLOYEE

AS EACH NEW EMPLOYEE WAS INITIALLY HIRED, AND WHEN RAISES WERE GRANTED, THE NEW WAGE WAS ASSESSED ON THE BASIS OF PAST PAYROLL EXPERIENCE. ALL POSITIONS HAVE UNDERGONE A COMPARISON SURVEY AT SOME POINT IN TIME, SO WE ONLY PERFORM NEW SURVEYS WHEN THE WAGE EXCEEDS EARLIER WAGE RANGES OR IS AN ENTIRELY NEW POSITION FOR WHICH WE HAVE NO DATA. FOR NEW, UNUSUAL COMPENSATIONS, OR FOR LOCATIONS WHERE WE HAVE NO EXPERIENCE, WE PERFORM A SURVEY USING VARIOUS ONLINE SITES, PAID SALARY SURVEY SOURCES AND FROM LITERATURE PROVIDED BY NONPROFIT TRADE ASSOCIATION DATABASES.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 19 - OTHER ORGANIZATION DOCUMENTS PUBLICLY AVAILABLE

DOCUMENTS DEEMED "PUBLICLY VIEWABLE" BY MANAGEMENT ARE UPLOADED TO CREATIVE COMMONS' INTERNAL WEBSITE. ADDITIONALLY, REQUESTS FOR SUCH DOCUMENTS BY THE PUBLIC ARE HANDLED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS BY THE OPERATIONS DIRECTOR AND THE APPROPRIATE FUNCTIONAL MANAGER(S) WITHIN CREATIVE COMMONS.

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